IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.M.JOSEPH

THURSDAY, THE 29TH MARCH 2007 / 8TH CHAITHRA 1929

WP(C).No. 6161 of 2007(H)

PETITIONER:

MANAGING TRUSTEE,
S.M. EDUCATIONAL TRUST, BRIGHTLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL,
A.N. PURAM WARD, CHANDANAKAVU, ALAPPUZHA-11.

BY ADV. SRI.BECHU KURIAN THOMAS

RESPONDENTS:
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1. STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS,
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER,
ALAPPUZHA.

3. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, ALAPPUZHA.

4. ASSISTANT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER, ALAPPUZHA

BY GOVT.PLEADER SRI.A.J.VARGHESE

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 29/03/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.M.JOSEPH, J.

W.P.(C).No.6161 OF 2007

Dated this the 29th day of March, 2007

JUDGMENT

Case of the petitioner is as follows:

The school was started in the year 1989 as a play school. Having gained popularity and due to demand from the parents, the school started classes for further batches. At present, school is imparting education till the VII standard. Petitioner submitted Ext.P1 application dated 13-01-2006 before the second respondent. The fourth respondent conducted an inspection and submitted Ext.P2 survey report on 03-02-2006. The third respondent forwarded the application to the second respondent by Ext.P3 letter and there is no action on the application thereafter.

2. Petitioner seeks a direction to respondents 1 and 2 to take a decision on Ext.P1 application and grant recognition to the petitioner's school in a time bound manner and before the end of the academic year 2006-07.

3. I heard learned Government Pleader also. He submits

that in regard to recognition of private schools in the unaided sector, Government has constituted a committee and the committee has submitted its report and new guidelines will be framed in the matter within a month. If the petitioner files an application pursuant to the guidelines, a decision will be taken thereon in accordance with law, he submits.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner will file an application on the basis of the new guidelines relating to grant of recognition to schools in the unaided sector.

5. The writ petition is disposed of as follows:

First respondent will frame new guidelines on or before 27/04/2007. If the petitioner files an application in pursuance to the said guidelines, a decision will be taken on the same in accordance with law by the first respondent within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the application from the petitioner.

K.M.JOSEPH
JUDGE

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